

## BRIAND RESIGNS TODAY AFTER SPEECH TO DEPUTIES CHAMBER ON THE CANNES CONFERENCE

Criticism of His Russian and Anglo-French Policy Is Said to Have Made Downfall.

### HIS CABINET ALSO QUILTS

Premier Says He Has Felt at Times That He Has Not Had the Confidence of France.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Premier Briand has been asked to form a new French cabinet, according to the Exchange Telegraph's Paris correspondent.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Premier Briand resigned today.

Premier Briand addressed the Chamber of Deputies on the subject of the Cannes conference, and later tendered his resignation and that of his cabinet. Briand's resignation was accepted by the Chamber.

After a long plea for the moral support of the Chamber, Briand ended his speech with words clearly indicating his disgust at the attitude adopted by his opponents, and he and the members of his cabinet walked out of the Chamber.

In his speech Briand stated that the question of German reparations would not be discussed at the Cannes conference, at which, he said, the participants must accept the guarantee France obtained at Versailles, and furthermore engage the responsibility for the frontiers of their neighbors.

According to the new reparations agreement he said France would not lose one centime. In case of German aggression on the Rhine Briand declared Great Britain would stand by France with its full war strength.

The premier's last words to the deputies were:

"I could feel at times that I have not acquired the confidence of France; therefore, I am resigning."

### FRENCH TO LEAVE CONFERENCE

CANNES, Jan. 12.—The French delegation to the Supreme Council conference will leave Cannes tomorrow as a result of the resignation of Premier Briand and his cabinet.

The departure of the French means the virtual end of the Supreme Council conference. In council circles it was said it means the end for any chance for an Anglo-French Alliance.

## CHARGES \$37,000 FRAUD IN DEAL

Trade of Farm-Near Centralia Brings Arrest of Oscar Lund.

Oscar Lund was arrested in Kansas City this afternoon on charges that he had fraudulently obtained possession of a 200-acre farm two miles north of Centralia, known as the John Johnson farm. The charges were filed before Justice John S. Bicknell by W. H. Delaney, who says he was induced to trade the Boone County farm for a 160-acre tract in Colorado, and that he afterward found that and was not the owner of the Colorado property and could not trade it. The farm valued at \$37,000.

Lund was held on instructions from Sheriff Fred Brown, who left Columbia this afternoon with a warrant for Lund's arrest. Delaney alleges in his affidavit that he had for a farm located in Las Animas County, Colorado, which Lund had misled him, was forged.

Delaney lives in Centralia. High Stephens Not to Move Here. High Stephens, until recently president of the High Stephens Printing Company of Jefferson City, son of E. W. Stephens of this city, will not return to Columbia to live, as has been reported. Mr. Stephens plans to rest for a time, before going into another business. He will remain in Jefferson City.

Frank L. Gibbs Holds Public Sale. About seventy-five persons attended a public sale held Tuesday at the farm of Frank L. Gibbs, north of Moore's Switch. Mr. Gibbs sold his entire stock of grain, live stock, farm machinery, and household goods, which brought about \$600. Mr. Gibbs will move to Columbia and live at 1016 Walnut street.

### Crooke Nearing New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Buffeted by heavy seas the crippled army destroyer, Crooke, is slowly nearing New York under its own steam.

Drake Defeats Oklahoma, 49 to 15. Drake University won its first victory of the season yesterday by defeating the University of Oklahoma, 49 to 15.

### THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight about 28.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Friday; rising temperature tonight east and south portions. Shippers' forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be 28 west; 24 north; 28 east, and 30 south.

### CITIZENS' MEETING CALLED

Former Congressmen to Speak on Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

Former Congressman W. L. Nelson and former Congressman W. D. Vandiver of Columbia have been invited to give five-minute speeches at a meeting of citizens called by Judge H. A. Collier for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the probate court room on the purpose of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Judge Collier is anxious that all citizens attend this meeting.

Stockton Fountain, graduate of the College of Agriculture, will have charge of the campaign in Centralia Township. W. Hunter Price of Sturgeon has charge of the Bourbon Township campaign.

The quota for Boone County is \$680. There will be only organization work in Columbia for the next few days, but the campaign work will start the first of next week. Representatives of all the women's organizations, to be appointed by Judge Collier, will aid in the campaign.

## BRITISH TROOPS LEAVE IRELAND

Freedom of Erin, After Years of Military Occupation, Begins Today.

DUBLIN, Jan. 12.—Evacuation of Ireland by British troops, signifying to all Irish men and women the freedom of Erin, after years of occupation, began today.

The Griffith government has appointed a commission which will go to London to confer with the British government regarding the taking over of the British army post, Dublin castle, and the defensive points by the new Irish free state organization.

By United Press. LONDON, Jan. 12.—Amnesty has been granted all Irish prisoners by King George today.

## PROPOSAL SENT GOVERNMENTS

Shantung Railroad Compromise Emanates From Hughes and Balfour.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Chinese and Japanese delegations have sent to their respective governments compromise proposals for settlement of the Shantung railroad question. These proposals emanated from Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, it became definitely known today.

## TAXES IN BOONE COUNTY SHOW \$71,089.45 INCREASE

Greater Last Month Than in December, 1921—Schools Are Benefited Most.

That Boone County taxpayers paid \$71,089.45 more in December, 1921 than they did in the same month last year was brought out in the report of M. G. Proctor, county collector, which was issued last yesterday afternoon. The total collections for last month were \$425,912.42 and for December, 1920, were \$354,822.97.

Boone County schools will get the largest amount. They will receive \$211,935.03, an increase of \$48,094.23 over last year. A special drainage tax for a district in the southern part of the county and a tax for the blind fund have been added since last year.

A comparative distribution of the taxes to the funds to which they are legally apportioned follows:

|                               | 1920         | 1921         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| State revenue ..              | \$ 24,217.45 | \$ 22,892.39 |
| State interest ..             | 1,596.07     | 14.88        |
| State capital ..              | 3,192.13     | 3,238.66     |
| Blind fund .....              | 6,417.78     | 6,417.78     |
| County revenue ..             | 64,485.63    | 58,857.39    |
| County road and bridge .....  | 15,933.01    | 16,184.99    |
| Special road and bridge ..... | 61,082.11    | 63,849.49    |
| School .....                  | 163,840.80   | 211,935.03   |
| Hospital .....                | 19,140.08    | 38,688.04    |
| Cities and towns ..           | 1,335.69     | 1,306.57     |
| Drainage .....                | 2,547.20     | 2,547.20     |

Collector Proctor will turn his collections over to W. H. Thompson, county treasurer, in a few days. The money will be turned over to the school districts as soon as it can be apportioned.

## PERSHING MAY BE QUIZZED

Senate to Inquire Concerning Soldiers Put to Death in France.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—General Pershing may be called to testify concerning legal hanging in the American Expeditionary Forces before the Senate investigating committee at its hearings.

## HARDING SAID TO BELIEVE IN SOLDIER BONUS

Proposals to Be Passed by President, However, Must Provide a Means of Raising Money.

### CONFERENCE TO ENTER

Says It Would Be Mistake to Assume Funds Are Forthcoming on Allied War Debt.

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1922.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Harding will decline to give his approval to any soldier bonus proposal which does not provide a sure means of raising the money. And at the moment the President gives the impression that it would be a mistake to assume that enough money will be forthcoming on the Allied war debt to pay the bonus.

The President's attitude toward the bonus as revealed at the White House is one of continued belief in soldier compensation, but of reluctance to associate the foreign debt question with it. The truth of the matter is that Mr. Harding turned the tables on those who asked for his approval to a soldier bonus bill contingent upon the Allied war debt payments. The President inquired how it was possible even to talk about getting money from the Allies when Congress is delaying the passage of the bill which authorizes a commission of five to negotiate with foreign governments on the payment of principal and interest. In other words, if Congress will hurry up and pass the funding bill, then some clear idea may be obtained as to whether any revenues may be expected from the Allies. Up to this time, not a single thing has been done toward fixing a time for the payment of either interest or principal. No private business would allow an immense debt to run along without even a promissory note fixing the dates of payment. Both the President and the Secretary of the Treasury have pleaded with Congress to pass the bill. The House has acted favorably but the Senate has failed to put the measure through. The agitation for a soldier bonus may have the effect of forcing action on the funding bill though Mr. Harding himself is careful to refrain from promising approval of the bonus bill even if he has the power to fund the debt. The funding bill only authorizes negotiations. It doesn't insure payments. Then it will become necessary for the American commission to discuss with the Allies the assets available.

FUNDING BILL IMPORTANT. Indeed, Mr. Harding is eager to have this authority to negotiate before the big economic conference takes place at Genoa, in March. For the time being, he is withholding acceptance of the invitation to that conference because he wants to show the business men of the United States and the agriculturalists and all others who look forward hopefully to the effects on American business of the Genoa conference that the United States is powerless to enter the conference unless the funding bill has passed.

The President let it be known that he believes eventually a satisfactory funding of the foreign debt will be possible. He never refers to cancellation. He never suggests any discounting by America of its indebtedness. He does feel, however, that it would be hazardous to place any reliance on the immediate flow of any substantial revenue from the Allies to the United States, sufficient at any rate to pay a soldier bonus, the cost of which has been variously estimated at upwards of a billion dollars. The United States has hesitated to call for interest payments in gold because of the certain ill-effects which a draining of Europe's gold would have on international exchange. The fear is that a sudden influx of gold would knock the bottom out of such export trade as America has and produce a near-panic such as was experienced a year ago when Europe began canceling orders for cotton, agricultural products and manufactured goods. Not long ago a British official proposed to Secretary Mellon that some gold be shipped as payment on the interest of the British debt, but the Secretary of the Treasury is quoted as having nervously answered, "No, thanks."

It may be, of course, that when the Allies and the United States arrange for the funding of the debt, no gold will be shipped but a new issue of bonds will be made which will be guaranteed by the Allied powers to the United States and which in turn may be sold by our government at an attractive rate of interest in order to get sufficient money to pay a soldier bonus but most everybody believes the time for such a move is far off as the government finances are not strong enough yet to stand such a strain and probably will not be for two or three years.

Meanwhile the members of Congress who are up for re-election next fall feel that they must do something to placate the soldier vote.

Robert M. Graham Post Will Meet. Robert M. Graham Post, Number 220, Veterans of Foreign Wars will elect officers for the coming year tonight at the V. F. W. Club, 1217 East Broadway. Refreshments will be served.

## Rocheport Business District After Passing of the Fire



Above—Ruins of Rocheport Bank Building, showing vault standing intact in the center of the picture and portion of Ridgeway Grocery.

Below—Looking north from rear of building showing what is left of the south room of the Harris Department Store, the Dimmitt Drug Store, rear of Rocheport Bank building occupied by the Ridgeway Grocery and side view of bank building from the south. The offices of Dr. E. L. Hatt and Dr. W. E. Angell were over the Dimmitt and bank buildings, respectively.

## REBUILDING TO BE BEGUN SOON

Rocheport Citizens Optimistic About Reconstruction After Fire.

Special to The Missouriian.

ROCHEPORT, Jan. 12.—While nothing of a definite nature has been done toward beginning construction on the business houses destroyed in yesterday's fire here which caused an estimated loss of \$56,600, the portion of the block destroyed will be replaced with other buildings, according to W. A. Sampson, vice-president of the Rocheport Bank which institution occupied and owned one of the buildings that was razed by the fire.

Mr. Sampson said he was positive that the Rocheport Bank will start the construction of a new building on the old site as soon as possible.

The papers, money and other valuables which were in the bank's vaults during the fire were not damaged. This was learned directly after the fire. The bank is doing business temporarily across the street from its former location. A safe belonging to the Harris Department Store which fell to the basement of the building the store occupied during the fire, was damaged little, and the papers and valuables in it are intact, it was learned last evening.

Dr. B. F. Dimmitt, who owned the building in which his drug store was located, probably will not rebuild, but there are several persons anxious to get an option on the lot on which the structure stood.

The Ridgeway Grocery will not reopen. W. T. Ridgeway, proprietor of the store, is disposing of his stock of goods.

Dr. W. E. Angell, who had his office in the second story of the bank building, has his office in his home for the time being.

The Byfield Hardware Store is conducting its business in its building, which was miraculously saved from the flames. The stock has been moved back into the building and E. E. Byfield, owner of the store and building, says that the building will be repaired right away.

Officials of Veterans Visit Here. A. E. Mellinger, manager of the Chillicothe office of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and L. E. Keese, chief of the Personnel Section, of St. Louis, spent yesterday in Columbia conferring with Nelson Kerr, co-ordinator of the local United States Veterans' Bureau. Mr. Keese returned to St. Louis yesterday and Mr. Mellinger will go back to Chillicothe today.

### Mrs. M. R. Eitzen Ill.

Mrs. M. R. Eitzen, 705 Maryland place is suffering from bronchitis. Mrs. Eitzen is 86 years old, she is the mother of Mrs. L. M. Deke.

## V. H. DIETRICH CASE IS BEGUN THIS MORNING

Trial of Rocheport Dealer Charged With Selling Tonic as Beverage, Is Continued.

### EXPERT GIVES ANALYSIS

Station Agent Says He Was Promised Protection in Case of Trouble Over Shipments.

The trial of V. Hugo Dietrich, charged with selling intoxicating liquor, continued on application of the defendant, was begun at 11 o'clock this morning.

He was charged with selling a patent medicine as a beverage on three different occasions in July, September and October, 1921, to three young men, all of whom became intoxicated after drinking it. Dietrich lives in Rocheport.

Robert Smith of Rocheport, was the first witness. He testified that he had bought a bottle of tonic from Mr. Dietrich in October for \$1.50 and that he had not only gotten intoxicated from drinking it, but that it had also made him sick. Ruby Brown, a farmer living near Rocheport, testified that he had also bought a bottle of the same liquid in September and that it had also caused him to become intoxicated after he had drunk all the contents. Several others also said that they had bought the liquid from Mr. Dietrich.

C. B. Drum, a medical student in the University, who has had experience in analyzing chemicals, testified that he had made a test of it and had found it to be a spirituous, medicated, alcoholic preparation containing about 22 per cent alcohol.

Ed Walden, who has been employed in the M. K. and T. station at Rocheport for seven years, said that freight marked with the name of the tonic had gone through his hands and that in a conversation Mr. Dietrich had said that he "would back him up in case of trouble." He also testified that Mr. Dietrich had said that the company sending the preparation would back them up.

Senator Frank C. Harris, attorney for the defendant, pointed out that the defendant sold the preparation only as a tonic and not as a beverage. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harn, Mr. and Mrs. Holland and Thomas McKissic all testified that they had all purchased the tonic to be used as a tonic and not as an intoxicant. They said that the most they had taken at one time was two table-spoons full.

Charles King pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of forging two checks to the amount of \$4 on George Melloway, who runs a store at Midway. King said he was 18 years old. He claimed to be a member of Battery B, and wore an army overcoat and a campaign hat. He said it was the first time he had been arrested on any charge.

### RAZZERS ELECT OFFICERS

Arthur Wyeth Is President; Prewitt Turner, Secretary.

The 1922 president of the Missouri Razzers will be Arthur Wyeth. He was elected at a meeting of the Razzers which was held at the Rothwell Gymnasium Tuesday night. The newly elected secretary is Prewitt Turner, and the treasurer is Willard Leavelle. The Razzers also elected twenty-five new members. The names of these men will not be announced until after initiation, January 24.

The Razzers are still in debt from their stunts and trips of last fall and will give a dance soon to make up the deficiency.

### CLUBS TO JOIN FEDERATION

Stevens College Oral Composition Groups Receive Blanks.

The English composition divisions at Stevens College, which are organized into Clubs, have just received application blanks for admission into the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. The clubs at Stevens are made up of girls in the oral composition classes. Class credit is given for the practical work they do in conducting meetings and for other speaking in public they may do. The officers of chairman and secretary of the Clubs rotate, thus insuring each girl a chance to have actual practice in properly conducting these offices.

### THEY'RE REAL LAWYERS NOW

Boone County Circuit Court Enrolls Two Students.

Clarence Powell and Phillip Marr, law students who recently passed the state bar examinations, were sworn in as lawyers and enrolled in the Boone County Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. Powell and Mr. Marr are both members of the Phi Delta Phi professional law fraternity. Mr. Marr completed his course in the University last term. Mr. Powell will finish his work in the University in April.

C. E. Northcutt Attends Meeting. C. E. Northcutt, county superintendent of schools, was in Oak Grove attending a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association Wednesday afternoon.

### Spanish Cabinet Resigns

Madrid, Jan. 12.—The Spanish cabinet has resigned.

## POISON BOOZE FATAL TO 103

Since January 1 Liquor Deaths Occur at Rate of Eight a Day.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Poison booze has killed 103 persons in the United States since January 1, dispatches from all parts of the country revealed today.

Deaths are continuing. Two persons died in New York alone during the last twenty-four hours. The fatalities have occurred at the average rate of more than eight a day.

### HEIBEL PHARMACY OPENS

The Pennant Was Sold to Heibel Brothers in November.

Formal announcement has been made by J. A. Heibel and J. P. Heibel of the opening for business of their new drug store on Ninth street. The location was formerly occupied by the Pennant, which the Heibels purchased last November.

The Heibel brothers have been in business in Columbia for more than twenty-five years, coming here from Ohio. They were associated with the drug firm of Heibel and Penn, and later established a store at Ninth and Broadway, which was destroyed by fire in February, 1921.

Joseph Heibel, formerly of Minneapolis, and Donald Heibel, formerly of Kansas City, sons of J. A. Heibel, will be associated in the firm, which will be known as the Heibel Pharmacy.

### Volume of U. S. Census Available

The Commercial Club recently received a copy of the fourteenth census of the United States from the Bureau of the Census. This volume pertains to population only and contains statements as to the number and distribution of inhabitants. It will be available for public use at the offices of the Commercial Club.

### Lecture at Huntsdale Tonight

Under the auspices of the Rural-Life and Community Club department, a moving picture demonstration and lecture will be given to the Community Club of Huntsdale tonight on "Visual Education." The lecture will be given by Prof. J. V. Ankeney, secretary of the National Visual Education Society.

### Ellwood Will Lecture in Iowa

Dr. C. A. Ellwood will leave Saturday for Keokuk, Ia., where he will deliver a lecture at the Congregational Church Sunday night on the subject, "Is Our Civilization Christian?" This church maintains an open forum every Sunday night and noted men are invited to speak at that time.